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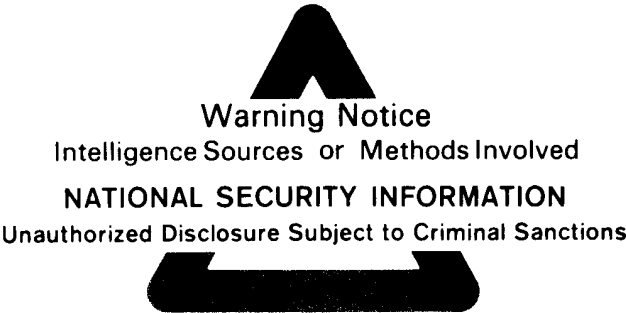
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**DAMAGED AMMUNITION DEPOT
AL ABYAR AMMO STORAGE DEPOT, LIBYA (SWN)**

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1. SIGNIFICANCE: THE AMMUNITION DEPOT AT AL ABYAR, LIBYA HAS BEEN SEVERELY DAMAGED. (SWN)

2. REMARKS: LARGE BURN/BLAST MARKS AND DEBRIS, APPARENTLY THE RESULT OF MULTIPLE EXPLOSIONS, WERE OBSERVED OVER LARGE AREAS OF AL ABYAR AMMUNITION STORAGE DEPOT [REDACTED] THE OPEN STORAGE AREAS OF THE DEPOT, INCLUDING AN AREA JUST OUTSIDE THE FENCELINE, WHICH HAD BEEN OCCUPIED BY STACKS OF PROBABLE AMMUNITION CRATES AND OTHER MATERIAL [REDACTED] WERE SCORCHED AND COVERED WITH DEBRIS. SEVERAL STORAGE AND SUPPORT BUILDINGS WITHIN THE DEPOT HAD BEEN DESTROYED. BURN/BLAST MARKS WERE ALSO OBSERVED IN THE AREA SURROUNDING THE DEPOT. THE ROOF OF A LARGE VEHICLE STORAGE BUILDING AT NEARBY MADINAT AL ABYAR ARMY BKS AND BN HEADQUARTERS [REDACTED] APPEARED TO HAVE BEEN DAMAGED (NOT ON GRAPHIC); HOWEVER, NO DAMAGE OR UNUSUAL ACTIVITY WAS OBSERVED IN AL ABYAR APPROXIMATELY 2 NM WEST OF THE DEPOT. (SWN)

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CLEAN-UP OPERATIONS, INVOLVING FOUR FRONT-END LOADERS, WERE IN PROGRESS. IN ADDITION, ELEMENTS OF A BMP BATTALION NORMALLY HOUSED AT THE DEPOT WERE PARKED JUST OUTSIDE THE FENCELINE AND A TROOP FORMATION CONSISTING OF APPROXIMATELY 150 PEOPLE WAS ON THE PARADE APRON IN THE SUPPORT AREA. AL ABYAR IS 25 NM EAST-NORTHEAST OF BANGHAZI, AND APPROXIMATELY 250 NM WEST OF THE LIBYAN/EGYPTIAN BORDER. (SWN) [REDACTED]

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3. [REDACTED] COORDINATES 32-12-30N 020-36-20E (S)

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